STD facilities in Bihar

1174. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made till 31st December, 1987 for introducing STD facilities between various district headquarters of Bihar and the State capital and also with Delhi; and

(b) by when work regarding provision of STD facilities for all districts of Bihar is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Out of 39 district headquarters of Bihar, 19 district headquarters have already been connected with State capital and Delhi through STD till 31-12-87.

(b) The work regarding provision of STD facility to remaining 20 district headquarters of Bihar is likely to be completed by the end of the 7th plan.

Clearance of schemes for setting up of Thermal Power Stations in Maharashtra

1175 DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the schemes submitted by the Government of Maharashtra for setting up of thermal power stations have since been cleared by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA);

(b) if so, what are the names of the schemes approved and financed by the Central Government for execution; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) Schemes of the Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) in regard to waste heat recovery plant at Uran (Unit No. 3 of 120 MW) and the Khaparkheda Thermal Power Station Extension (2 x 210 MW) have been techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and could be accorded invest approval after funds have been provided in the State Plan. The availability of fuel, on a sustained basis, would also need to be tied up in respect of the proposed waste heat recovery plant at Uran.

The project feasibility reports forwarded by the MSEB in respect of setting up of the Chandrapur thermal power station Unit 7 (1 x 500 MW): the Parli 'C' thermal power station Units 6 and 7 (2 x 210 MW) and the Umred thermal power station Units 1 and 2 (2 x 210 MW) are being techno-economically examined in the CEA in consultation with the various appraising agencies. These proposals could be considered for techno-economic clearance after the statutory requirements as per Section 29(2) of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 have been complied with by the MSEB, necessary inputs including those relating to availability of water, coal etc. have been tied up and requisite clearances, including clearance from the environmental angle, have been obtained.

Closure of Jaipur Udyog Ltd and Kanpur Jute Udyog

1176. SHRI B SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the closure of the Jaipur Udyog Limited and Kanpur Jute Udyog Kanpur has resulted in huge losses in the production of cement and jute bags and in a loss to the national exchequer; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the closer and the details of the losses as a result of the closer and the steps taken by the Government to set things right?